



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Ms. Erin Moore
Missouri Coalition for the Environment
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St. Louis, MO 63130

RE: Request Number EPA-R7-2013-007858

Dear Ms. Moore:

This is in response to your request for a waiver of fees in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 seeking a copy of records regarding communications between the EPA and the National Remedy Review Board concerning the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Missouri from January 1, 2012 to the present.

We have reviewed your fee waiver justification and based on the information provided, we are denying your request for a fee waiver. You have failed to demonstrate that the release of the information requested significantly increases the public understanding of government operations or activities. Accordingly, there is no need for this office to address the remaining prongs of the fee waiver criteria. The EPA Region 7 office in Lenexa, Kansas will be responding to your information request. If the estimated costs exceed \$25.00, Region 7 will contact you regarding the cost of processing your request and seek an assurance of payment. They will be unable to process your request until they receive your written assurance of payment.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal this determination to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: FOIA_HQ@epa.gov. Only

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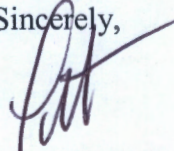
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items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you choose to appeal this determination, please be sure to fully address all factors required by EPA's FOIA Regulations, located at 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l) in your appeal. If you have any questions concerning this determination please contact me at (202) 566-1667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Larry F. Gottesman', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Larry F. Gottesman
National FOIA Officer